

## **INFORMATION BULLETIN**

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: CLF'S "BUILDING WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIPS" CONFERENCE

This information bulletin announces the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, Workforce and Economic Development Program's 13th Annual "Building Workforce Partnerships" Conference to be held in Monterey, California, on May 11–13, 2005, at the Hyatt Regency Monterey, located at, 1 Old Golf Course Road in Monterey.

Each year, the "Building Workforce Partnerships" Conference brings together a diverse group of people who care about good jobs, a strong California economy, and ensuring economic opportunity for workers. "Building Workforce Partnerships" is ultimately about partnership—no one union, organization, or entity can alone address the challenges facing working families or the workforce needs of industries. The event provides a unique forum for union leaders, labor program operators, academics, local and State Workforce Investment Board members and staff, community based organizations, rapid response teams, and high road employers to network, learn from each other, and share successful models and practices. The focus of this conference is creating workforce partnerships that are sustainable, that provide for both workers and employers, and that build strong, prosperous communities.

Building on previous conferences, this year's "Building Workforce Partnerships" will feature internationally recognized economists, speakers, authors, and policy experts. Conference topics include the impact of globalization and outsourcing on U.S. jobs and the economy, the future of workforce investment policy and systems, nationally and in California, and the potential for partnerships in addressing current and future workforce challenges. Workshop tracks are designed around initiatives and practices that highlight high-road alliances. Topics include the Apollo Alliance, a broad coalition of labor, environmental, urban and faith communities. The Alliance is working to support good jobs, renewable energy and energy independence; building strong, competitive communities; affordable housing; effective apprenticeship training programs; layoff aversion and rapid response.

To register for Building Workforce Partnerships or for conference information, go to: <a href="https://www.calaborfed.org/workforce/events/index.html">www.calaborfed.org/workforce/events/index.html</a>. Conference and hotel space is limited, so please register soon. Hotel rooms must be secured before April 15, 2005.

For hotel room reservations, go to: <a href="mailto:monterey.hyatt.com/reservations/flow6/propCheckAvailability.jhtml">monterey.hyatt.com/reservations/flow6/propCheckAvailability.jhtml</a> for the California Labor Federation's group rate, or call the Hyatt, at 800-633-7313.

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